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This Apple received its name from the romantic spot called *Hawthornden*, in the county of *Mid-Lothian*, formerly the residence of the celebrated Scottish poet and historian *DRUMMOND*, where it is supposed to have been raised; and it is extensively cultivated and highly esteemed in most parts of *Scotland*. In the more southern parts of the Empire, the merit of the variety is chiefly confined to early and prolific habit, for its fruit can only be recommended for culinary use, having a very delicate melting flesh, but possessing little of either saccharine or acid, to render it rich or of high flavour. The market gardener may, however, find good account in the culture of this variety in the neighbourhood of *London*; for its conspicuous and even beautiful appearance is quite sufficient to ensure it a rapid sale in *Covent Garden Market*; and its qualities are equal to most of the early varieties which are there met with; while its produce, greatly exceeding that of any other kind, will enable the grower to sell below the average price. It has also the great merit of bearing even in the worst seasons, and at a very early age; insomuch that trees of three years' grafting have been literally bowed down with the weight of fruit.